

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, March 12, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review meeting was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Mr. Spence, Ms. Williams, Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Brendel. None were absent. Also present were Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brendel motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ARB

**SIGN# 10-02 EBC Salon-Day Spa/1248 Richmond Road – Building Mounted Sign
- Approved.**

**ARB# 23-02 Joel S Sheppard/3 Wildwood Lane – New Single Family Dwelling
- Approved.**

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Spence, Ms. Williams, Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Brendel.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB# 22-02 City of Williamsburg/230 North Henry Street – Construct Parking Garage

Randy Holmes and Michael Cook from Glave & Holmes Associates were present to discuss the final plans for the Prince George Parking Garage.

Mr. Holmes noted the following changes made to the plans since the conceptual review:

1. The pediments on the North and West elevations were lowered to reduce the false façade on the original drawings.

2. Chippendale railings were installed in the north and south elevation openings to increase ventilation into the garage. Mr. Holmes noted that this was needed to meet building code requirements for proper ventilation.
3. The southeast pavilion will have the shutters closed at all times. Mr. Holmes noted that this was needed to meet the fire code requirements for the elevator.
4. The north elevation was changed to contain six bays for the center with five bays to the left and right of center to visually balance this elevation.
5. Four-foot picket fences were proposed around the pedestrian walkway from Prince George Street around the walkways on the east elevation. A smaller section was proposed on the west elevation. Fencing was proposed to keep pedestrians from using the rear yards of the buildings that surround the garage.
6. Light posts and building mounted lights on the exterior of the building would be similar to those currently along North Henry Street.
7. Up lighting was proposed for the first and second floors of the garage so that the light fixture would not be exposed from the exterior of the garage. Wall mounted lights were proposed along the walls of the third level with light fixtures proposed along the center. The light fixture proposed for the center will have a bell shape with the fixture recessed to help hide the light source from adjacent areas.
8. The following brick colors and colors for the building were proposed:
 - Brick Type 1 (Light Orange brick for pavilion and colonnade field): Cushwa Sand Molded "Antiques". 40% Lexington #238, 60% Victorian #104.
 - Brick Type 2 (Blue black, over-burned brick for pavilion Flemish Bond Headers): Cushwa Sand Molded "Antiques". "Hunt Valley" #450.
 - Brick Type 3 (Dark orange brick for recessed planes or hyphens): Cushwa. Sand Molded "Antiques". Lexington #238.
 - Brick Type 4 (Light orange for gauging or coining): Cushwa #172 Jamestown Machine oversized.
 - Brick type 5 (Custom fabricated rubbed and gauged arches, jack arches and Roses (rounded openings) to size and design shown on Sheet A5.03) Cushwa hand-made #9935 "Orange Virginia Range".
 - Shutters and exterior doors (except barn doors); Martin Senour - George Davenport house Green – W10701.
 - Trim and panels below windows, pediment moldings and railings in exterior openings – Martin Senour – Blue Bell Tavern Gray Green – W1249.
 - Sashes – Martin Senour – Courthouse White – W1250.
 - Barn Doors – Martin Senour – Nicholson Store Red – W1080.
 - Stucco – Off White.
 - Carriage Lights – London Lantern, Wall Mounted Sconces – Black.

- Architectural Hardware – Wrought Iron / Black; exterior to be painted as per door.

Mr. Holmes than asked the Board if they had any questions.

Mr. Spence asked what type of hardware would be used on the shutters on the Southeast pavilion since the shutters would be closed. Mr. Holmes stated that black hinges and shutter dogs would be installed so that the shutters appear operable.

Mr. Walker asked why they Bay openings on the West Elevation had infill walls. Mr. Holmes explained that it had to be done because of the difference in grad elevation, and the difference in the grad elevation was needed so the property drained to the street.

Mr. Spence asked what type of material is proposed for the Chippendale railing on the north and south elevations. Mr. Holmes noted that aluminum is proposed that looks like wood, which will be painted the same color as the trim.

Mr. Sandbeck asked about the Flemish Bond pattern scheme for the headers. Mr. Holmes stated that they planned on having the pattern uniform throughout the building with the headers being dark. He noted that a sample panel of the brick proposed for the garage was being constructed on site to make sure the brick colors were acceptable. The Board was in agreement that they would like to see the sample panel to make sure the colors proposed were acceptable. Mr. Holmes agreed to notify the Board when the panel was constructed.

Mr. Williams asked if they considered cement shingles similar to those used in Colonial Williamsburg? Mr. Holmes noted that slate was proposed for the roof since it was readily available and the cost was lower than the cement shingles.

Mr. Sandbeck asked why smaller windows were used on the second floor. Mr. Holmes stated they wanted to put longer windows on the second floor, but he was confined by the space between the concrete slab from the third level.

Mr. Sandbeck asked Mr. Holmes to describe the light fixtures on the light poles on the third level. Mr. Holmes stated that the lights were bell shape and the bulb would be recessed in the globe. It was the consensus of the Board that a cut sheet should be provided for this fixture.

Mr. Sandbeck noted that the design for the picket fence was more elaborate compared to the best picket fences used in the historic area. He suggested that they look into simplifying the fence, so it would blend in better with the historic area. Mr. Holmes and the Board were in agreement with Mr. Sandbeck suggestion.

Mr. Sandbeck asked what color was proposed for the pediments. Mr. Holmes noted that a final decision has not been made on what color to paint the piedmonts on the

south and west elevations. He noted two color choices were being reviewed which were off-white or Nicholson Store Red. The Board was in agreement that they would like to approve the final color for the pediments before they were painted.

Mr. Holmes noted that a complete sign package for the garage would be submitted at a later date.

The Board thanked Mr. Holmes for a well thought out proposal.

Mr. Spence motioned to approve ARB# 22-02 condition upon the following being:

1. Reviewing the sample brick panel;
2. Simplifying the fence post detail around the walkway;
3. Providing additional details for the proposed lights on upper deck of the terrace;
4. Submitting details for the proposed signage;
5. Reviewing the final color of the pediments for the south and west elevations.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Spence, Ms. Williams, Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Brendel.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT

**ARB #19-02 Holiday Inn Patriot/3032 Richmond Road – 3032 Richmond Road –
Illumination of trees and shrubbery with white lights**

Phillip Richardson, owner and Cindy Coleman, manager were present to discuss the miniature lights proposal for Holiday Inn Patriot. Mr. Richardson stated the following reasons on why they wanted to use miniature lights in their trees and shrubbery:

1. They have a unique business on Richmond Road.
2. They have decrease visibility at the site due to the speed limit on Richmond Road;
3. The median on Richmond Road block visibility to drives coming out of town;
4. The hotel buildings is setback a considerable distance from Richmond Road;
5. The site is not well lit at night.

Ms. Coleman stated since the lights have been installed the ratio of walk-in costumers at the hotel has increased. She noted that the hotel receives complaints from costumers because they cannot find the property due to poor visibility of the site.

Mr. Brendel asked Mr. Richardson if he had developed a site plan for lighting the parking lot and around the building. Mr. Richardson replied, No.

A general discussion followed with the Board agreeing that the use of white lights on trees and shrubbery would set a precedent for other businesses on the Corridor to submit similar requests thereby increasing the amount of permanent holiday illumination on Richmond Road. It also noted that the request is not in accord with the Design Review Guidelines, which tries to provide safety but while limiting excessive illumination in the City.

Mr. Brendel moved to deny ARB #19-02 for the following reasons:

- The proposal is not consistent with the ***Design Review Guidelines*** which state, “that landscape lighting should be visually unobtrusive during both the day and night and that it should complement the architecture and outdoor spaces rather than spotlighting or outlining them”.
- The use of miniature lights increases the volume of illumination along Richmond Road;
- The use of miniature lights does not afford any safety or security for hotel guests;
- The approval of miniature lights at this location establishes a precedent for every other business establishment along Richmond Road to request miniature lights for their establishments.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Spence, Ms. Williams, Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Brendel.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

SIGNS

ARB

SIGN# 11-02 Williamsburg Shopping Center-Stein Mart/127 Monticello Avenue - Monument Sign

Randy Dresser was present to discuss his design for the Williamsburg Shopping Center/Stein Mart monument sign. He informed the Board that the sign would be located on Monticello Avenue; that white is proposed for the lettering, the border and base would be Blue Bell Tavern Gray to match the other sign on Richmond Road, and the background and cabinet would be Buffet Green from the Martin Senour color palette. Mr. Dresser noted the Buffet Green on the Martin Senour Color Palette was the closest green to the Stein Mart corporate color.

The Board's main concern was if "Buffet Green" was an acceptable color since it was from the interior color palette Martin Senour Paints. The Board was in agreement that "Buffet Green" was a dark green color similar to other greens on the exterior color palette making it acceptable.

Mr. Williams motion to approve ARB Sign# 11-02 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Spence, Ms. Williams, Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Brendel.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

OTHER

Miniature Lights

The Board asked Ms. Murphy to write a memo on their behalf to the Planning Commission requesting the following be removed from Zoning Ordinance Section 21-750(d): *"The outlining of trees and shrubbery with miniature lights emitting white, and not flashing or intermittent, may be approved by the Architectural Review Board, and no sign permit shall be required. Such lights shall be maintain in good working condition, and the Zoning Administrator may give written notice to remove or repair, within 30 days, any lights which are not maintained and become dilapidated."*

Minutes of February 26, 2002, meeting

The minutes were approved condition upon minor changes as requested by Mr. Williams.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer